



## **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

### ***IMMT- SYSTEMS SUBCOMMITTEE***

July 13, 2020

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Present**

Tameka Milan-Alexander  
Glenda Burnnett  
Glendean Burton  
Shonda Clay  
Arden Handler  
Catherine Harth  
Jessica Lamberson  
Bakia Madison

Angelique Muhammad  
Jana Simon  
LaShonda Tate  
Sandi Tenfelde  
Jessica Davenport-Williams  
Cynthia Wilson  
Ken (lastname unknown)

#### ***Virtual Meeting to occur via Cisco WebEx***

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#### **Call to Order:**

The subcommittee meeting began at 12:07 pm. Roll was taken and the agenda approved.

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the June 8, 2020 meeting were approved.

## **Review and Discussions**

The subcommittee reviewed its charge and then discussed the topics on which they wanted to consider. The Co-Leads had grouped the topics into four larger categories and asked everyone if they agreed with the groupings. Once reviewed, the co-leads then stated they would like to create small workgroups for each category and asked the members to indicate on which workgroup they would participate.

### **1. Engagement with health outcome partners and interests**

- Conduct community focus groups to obtain feedback and shared stories on experiences in care with pregnant and parenting women of color. Angela recommended the Systems Committee conduct some sort of outreach with various types of providers and services for pregnant women and collaborate with the Community Engagement Group as they structure their interviews for groups with clients.
- Work with MCO's and private insurance groups and state officials to expand the work of MCO's to help address Social Determinants of Health. (Some are now using funds in other states to address food deserts, housing issues, etc., in addition to direct care. Michigan and New York are 2 examples.)

#### **Workgroup**

- Tameka Milan-Alexander
- Glendean Burton
- Cynthia Wilson
- Jessica Davenport-Williams

### **2. Education**

- Provide education to medical providers on topics such as Trauma Informed Care, Implicit Bias, Racial Equity and impact on health and health outcomes.
- Education with providers/clients on impact of co-morbidities and chronic conditions before, during, after, and in-between pregnancies., and importance of wrap-around/collaborative care. Improve access to quality care for DV, SUD, and mental health disorders like perinatal depression.
- Support widespread use of MMR Committee's, with consequences for providers that do not make improvements based on review findings.

#### **Workgroup**

- Sandi Tenfelde
- Catherine Harth
- Jana Simon
- Cindy Mitchell
- Jessica Lamberson

### **3. Activities focused on providing and funding care**

- Increase access and support of services and programs like MIECHV Home Visiting, Healthy Start, Family Connects, WIC.
- Support and legitimize paraprofessionals such as Breastfeeding Peer Support Counselors, Doula's, Midwives, Lactation Counselors. In addition to legislative recognition, assure payment for these services.
- Protect, support and advocate for a range of comprehensive reproductive health services for all women of reproductive health age in Illinois, in all forms of health coverage.
- Explore new, creative means of conducting health visits that are reimbursed and offer greater access to care.

#### **Workgroup**

- Glendean Burton
- Glenda Burnett
- Angelique Muhammad

### **4. Funding**

- Extend Medicaid coverage 1 year postpartum for all pregnant women.
- Improve access to care through innovative approaches such as tele-health.
- Partner with formal and informal community leaders like elected officials, religious leaders, and community service providers, through repeated and sustained communication.

#### **Workgroup**

- Catherine Harth
- Bakia Madison

### **Adjournment**

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.